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**Zepnick Bill to Combat Illegal Tobacco and Other Drug Sales
To be Signed by Governor Walker**

MADISON – Rep. Josh Zepnick joined the Governor and other elected officials and stakeholders for the signing of Assembly Bill 628. This bill allows a municipality – city, village, or town - that has issued a cigarette or tobacco products retailer license to suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew the license if it is found that, among other things, the retailer is manufacturing or distributing controlled substances. The retailer license may also be revoked if known criminals or prostitutes are permitted to loiter on the premises.

“I am proud to have worked as a co-author on this legislation which will help to minimize illegal activity at tobacco and cigarette shops around the state. This bill received bi-partisan support within both the legislature and amongst my fellow Milwaukee elected officials, signifying its importance.”

“In most cases, when we can give more control to local municipalities to manage issues that are of impact and importance to them, we are governing effectively. This bill will allow cities and towns the ability to step in when criminal activity is pervasive at these retailers and will lead to a safer, cleaner Wisconsin. It will greatly help the south side Milwaukee district that I represent and also have positive ramifications throughout the state.”

The bill signing took place at Aurora Sinai Medical Center – 945 North 12th Street – in Milwaukee from 2:15 pm – 3:00 pm.

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